

Rats in England.
Deputy Consul Luther J. Parr, at Sheffield, England, makes a report on rats. The steel works and large stores in Sheffield are infested with rats, writes Mr. Parr, and many attempts have been made to exterminate them. In the work, however, little damage is done, and it is the rule occasionally to employ a professional rat catcher, who captures about 100 rats a night, and is paid one dollar for a night's work. Such a calling is no doubt influenced by the fact that there is a ready sale to the sporting men for the rats caught, the rats being used in training dogs. Several exterminators are in use in Sheffield, all more or less effective. An opportunity will shortly occur in Sheffield to demonstrate the value of American rat exterminators. What is known as the killing shambles and the fish and meat market, in the center of the city, are to be razed in accordance with the new city planning idea of the municipal authorities. When this work is begun thousands of rats will be forced to seek other quarters. Articles and letters in considerable number have appeared in the Sheffield papers recently urging that special efforts be made to exterminate the vermin and not permit them to migrate.

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AGED MAN PAROLED

Herman A. Kretschmar of St. Louis Given Freedom by Governor Major.

WAS IN PRISON FOUR YEARS

Kretschmar Was Convicted of Killing His Business Partner During Progress of Quarrel.

Herman A. Kretschmar, a well known St. Louis business man, who shot and killed his business partner, Clarence Jones, on February 3, 1909, and was sentenced to serve eighteen years, was released from the prison under parole granted by Governor Major on recommendation of the board of pardons and paroles.

Kretschmar went directly from the prison after his release and boarded the train for St. Louis. He has been falling fast, both physically and mentally, the last two years, according to the statement of Dr. George L. McCutcheon, physician at the institution. He is married to Walter S. Donaldson, a St. Louis friend. Kretschmar was 61 years of age when received here, and four years in the penitentiary has caused him to age rapidly.

Kretschmar made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself at the Madison hotel in Jefferson City the day he was brought here by the marshal of the supreme court for commitment to the prison.

It is understood that a good business position has been found for Kretschmar and will be held open for him until such time as he has recovered from his present condition of ill health to take up his responsibilities.

FIND GAS NEAR PARKVILLE

Three Big Gushers Have Been Drilled and Capped—Ends a Fifteen Year Search.

Three gas wells, measuring, respectively 300,000, 600,000 and 1 million cubic feet volume a day, are now capped five miles northwest of Parkville.

One well, the smallest of the three, was capped last year, and the work ceased owing to the reluctance of the local company to advance funds for drilling.

A franchise has been granted by the city of Parkville, and negotiations are in progress for furnishing gas to Park College and to the Parkville Milling Company. This is the culmination of efforts to find oil or gas in the vicinity of Parkville for the last fifteen years.

Johnson County Baptists Adjourn.—The second annual meeting of the Johnson County Baptist association was held at High Point church. Dr. D. J. Evans, president of the Baptist Theological seminary at Liberty, Mo., spoke on "Religious Education." Dr. T. P. Stafford, president of the Baptist seminary of Kansas City, Kan., and T. L. West, secretary of the Baptist state missions, also spoke. Walter L. Chaney of Warrensburg was elected moderator.

Big Cattle Sale.—One hundred and eleven head of registered Jersey cattle sold for a total of \$13,345 at the sale of Henry Johns held at Carthage. There included twenty-nine calves. One thousand persons attended the sale, which was the largest of its kind ever held in Southwest Missouri. An imported cow, "Delight's Tulip," brought the largest figure, selling for \$325.

Monett Depot Burns.—Fire which started from a defective flue in the bakehouse of the Fred Harvey hotel in the Frisco passenger station at Monett totally destroyed the building and contents and caused a loss of \$75,000. The blaze raged five hours before the firemen got it under control. Within a few minutes after the flames were discovered the entire structure was ablaze, forcing passengers to flee with their grips and preventing employees from saving any of the contents of the building. A large quantity of baggage also was consumed. The station was a two-story building, the upper floor being used as a hotel. The United States parcel mail distributing station addition was saved.

School Building Burns.—The Smithton public school building, a frame structure, valued at \$6,000, was destroyed by fire recently. It was erected more than forty years ago. School work will be conducted in local churches until other arrangements can be made.

Knit Socks for Soldiers.—Miss Ida Beyer of Sedalia, who has been visit-

ing at Berne, Switzerland, since May 20, writes her mother that she is now engaged in knitting socks for the soldiers. Nearly all of the women of that region are likewise engaged.

Reward for Slayer Suspect.—A reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest of Charles Bloomfield, who is charged with the murder of Albert Herndon at Hume, on September 17. Herndon was stabbed in the stomach. Bloomfield has not been found.

TOO MANY BOARDS

Dean Miller of K.S.A.C. Says Irrigation Commission is Unnecessary.

WASTES THE STATE'S MONEY

Present Overhead Expense Would Pay Salaries of Expert Engineers to Do the Work.

J. H. Miller, dean of the college extension department of the Kansas State Agricultural college, declared at Scott City that the state irrigation commissioner's office is an unnecessary expense and expressed the belief that it had been established more for political popularity than for what the commissioners might know about irrigation.

It was not a personal matter, Professor Miller declared. He said the \$5,000 or \$10,000 of overhead expense necessary to pay irrigation commissioners who are not experts would pay three irrigation engineers who are experts and would allow them to work under the agricultural extension department, where, he declared, the work belonged.

"The trouble with Kansas," he declared, "is that we have created too many commissions in the last ten years. There is no more reason why irrigation should not come under the scope of the agricultural department than steer feeding."

"They are even now talking of four new commissions in the state, all of which might just as well be taken care of by some established department of the present state government."

Professor Miller advocated the application of the principle of commission government and the fixing of responsibility.

"Irrigation is too important a question to be in the hands of a board of non-experts. Why not put it up to the agricultural department, where it belongs?"

INTERURBAN STRIKE ENDS

Arbitration Agreed Upon to Settle Differences Between Joplin-Pittsburg Company and Carmen.

With fifty strikebreakers in Pittsburg and Joplin ready to begin the operation of the cars of the Joplin & Pittsburg Electric Railway Company, the strike, apparently, was brought to an end at Pittsburg. The executive committee of the striking conductors and motormen and the officials of the company, after having been in conference all day, finally agreed upon all matters except the wage scale and agreed to leave that to a board of arbitration. The strike began eleven weeks ago, after the negotiations for a new contract, which had been in progress several weeks, had failed.

Caboose Passengers Hurt.—Two traveling men, C. W. Singer of Kansas City and A. W. Wallerstead of Concordia, were slightly injured when a freight train on the North branch was derailed between Lenora and Edmond. The traveling men were in the caboose, which left the tracks with two merchandise cars and a car loaded with wheat.

Pioneer Woman Dies.—Mrs. P. A. Underwood, 75, of Atchison, is dead as the result of a fall a week ago, when she sustained a broken hip and other injuries. Mrs. Underwood has resided in Atchison county fifty years.

Dies of Apoplexy.—Harry L. Williamson, on old resident of Fredonia, died recently from apoplexy. He was 63 years old.

Veteran of Merrimac Dead.—Edward G. Seamands of Winfield is dead. At the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Seamands was a newsboy in Richmond, Va., and at the age of 15 ran away and joined the Confederate navy. He served on the Merrimac as a "powder monkey" when that vessel had its remarkable fight in Hampton Roads with the Monitor. Afterwards he enlisted in a Virginia regiment and served until the surrender of General Lee.

To Enroll By Mail.—Enrolling by mail is a new plan to eliminate the confusion which always exists at the beginning of every semester at the University of Kansas. The idea is being pushed by the registrar. The plan is working well at the University of Minnesota, which is over twice as large as Kansas University.

Atchison Reports First Frost.—The first frost of the season formed in low places at Atchison the other night, but was not heavy enough to cause damage.

Old Engineer Dies.—William Duden, oldest engineer on the Central Branch, is dead at Downs. He was 68 years old and a veteran of the Civil War. He ran an engine out of Downs thirty-four years, served in the city council and was a member of the Masons.

Lost at Sea.—S. Goldsmith, Acme, has received a telegram stating that his son, Andrew, 26 years old, was lost when the steamer Leggett went down off the coast of Oregon. He was a Kansas State Agricultural College graduate.

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SUMMARY OF ADDRESS TO COUNTRY OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENT EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

Seventh Annual Meeting, New York City, September 7-10, 1914.

Let the American people and especially the President, in view of the bloody war of all Europe and the probable grant of freedom to Ireland and suffrage to women, freedom to Poles and Finns and relief from segregation and political disabilities for the Jews, induced by the needs of warring nations, remember that 12,000,000 native citizens in this country are worse proscribed than those of Europe. We appeal to President Wilson to free Colored Americans from Jim-crow cars, disfranchisement, lynching and segregation, especially under the Federal government at the Federal capital now rather than wait some awful war here.

Southern disfranchisement encourages other forms of lawlessness and renders the Colored citizens helpless in as cowardly fashion as the lynching which its disrespect for law breeds.

Jim-crow cars were absurd enough, but residence segregation shows the South knows no limit in proscription if let alone.

Segregation of Federal employees is the most alarming symptom. The petition presented against it to President Wilson by a delegation of this league checked it only. We ask President Wilson to entirely remove this nationalizing of caste.

We protest against disfranchisement, lynching, segregation, denial of civil and political rights. We want only the rights all others enjoy, even the foreigner. We shall never cease until all citizens have full equal rights in every state.

We advocate enforcement of the constitution, making lynching a Federal crime, abolition of legal segregation, Federal aid to education.

This proscription, visited upon non-Americans but those of color, is serious and not to be minimized. Colored citizens are warned that they must never resist it by agitation and organization. Organization of Colored persons is the only means to gain rights or retain them if gained.

We urge the use of the ballot as the real weapon of self-defense, voting independently for our rights and liberties and not for party.

Greetings and appreciations are extended to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Constitution League for aid, and thanks given Congressman T. C. Thacher and A. J. Peters of Massachusetts for securing a hearing against segregation and opposing it.

Federal segregation as practiced in the departments and enounced in various bills should be made an issue as to supporting candidates for Congress, and no doubtful men on these issues should be voted for.

Another delegation to see President Wilson on undoing Federal segregation is advised.

Next to segregation, the denial of employment of industry is the most inhuman practice of this country.

As an attempt to reduce Colored Americans to permanent caste is so powerful, acceptance of non-legal segregation in philanthropic institutions in the North is opposed.

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